

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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JUNGLE FIGHTERS NEAR MUNDA

Nazis Gain

HARD-FIGHTING SOVIETS LIMIT AXIS ADVANCE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

To this writer, these service men's reminiscences are simply thrilling. So, if you don't mind, we'll go from where we left off yesterday.

THERE is more or less agreement among the men back from the South Seas that the Jap 25-calibre rifles and machine guns are pea-shooters in comparison with our own 30-calibre weapons.

Let's quote a man wounded by one of them:

"I got five bullets from one of these 25s into me in about 30 seconds and it wasn't fun, but if it had been one of our 30s I wouldn't be here now. I've got one of the bullets that the doc dug out of my leg just below the skin where it had come out on the other side, and I'm keeping it for a souvenir. I wish I had it here to show you."

ON one point, however, there is agreement as to the Jap 25-calibre's effectiveness. It has very little muzzle-flare, and so doesn't betray its position at night as do our larger 30s. That is important in the jungles where a lot of fighting is at night.

"One of the worst things we did at first," says a man back on sick leave, "was to shoot at every sound we heard at night. We were jumpy, and our trigger fingers were itchy. So when we heard something we'd cut loose and the Jap, getting our position from the muzzle-flare, would land on us with everything he had. That cost a lot of lives, especially at the beginning."

"Our officers got smart pretty quick, and we were ordered not to shoot at night unless all hell was breaking loose."

ONE of the first things the officers learned, this man says, was to remove ALL insignia, leaving no marks whatever to distinguish their rank, as the Jap snipers are coached to pick off the officers first.

THERE is general praise among these men back from the fronts for the new Garand rifle, of which conflicting stories have been in circulation here at home. Their fire power is universally agreed to be far superior to that of the Jap weapons, and they stand up in the mud and muck and filth of jungle fighting unbelievably well.

Here and there, however, one finds supporters for the older Springfield. Says one such: "The Garand is a good weapon, but I did have one stick on me back at the beginning and having your rifle jam on you when things are hot is something you don't want to have happen to you more than once. Me, I stick to the old Springfield. Every time you yank the bolt on one of those old boys you know there'll be something there when you pull the trigger."

THERE'S high praise for the Tommy-gun, familiar to all readers of gangster stories and habitues of the gangster movies. Their range is short, the boys say, but much of the jungle fighting is at short range and the Tommy-gun sprays a lot of lead and has practically never been known to jam.

HERE'S a sidelight on fighting ability: "You can't tell by looking at him whether a guy will be good under fire or not. I remember one in particular I went wrong on. He looked like just about a half-wit, and I'd have guessed him as under half rather than (Continued on Page Three)

German Reserves Aid Kursk Plains Push

By WILLIAM M'GAFFIN MOSCOW, July 8 (AP)—Fresh nazil reserves were reported pushing through smoke and dust along paths marked by wrecked machines and the dead today to bolster the Kursk plains offensive which the red army, fighting more brilliantly than ever before, has limited to small gains in the Belgorod sector.

Russian forces slew some 30,000 Germans, destroyed or damaged 1539 tanks and shot down 649 planes during the first three days of the battle, it was announced officially.

(A DNB dispatch subsequently broadcast from Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press declared that the Germans had destroyed 862 soviet tanks and 547 aircraft in the last three days. Fortifications of the Belgorod area were "overcome in great depth" and the Russians southeast of Orel were "thrown back on their own mine fields," the propaganda agency said.) Nazi air force squadrons are (Continued on Page Two)

Court Takes Ration Book of Speeding Driver

Fillmore Samuel Nida, 24-year-old Klamath laborer, made history this week when he was chucked up as the first local motorist to have his gasoline ration taken away for violation of traffic rules.

Nida, who lives at route 3, box 41, Klamath Falls, appeared in justice court to answer a charge of violating the basic rule. State police arrested Nida on highway 66, near Pine Flats in the Dairy district, and an officer's (Continued on Page Two)

Bill Increasing Dependent's Pay Sent to House

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—Legislation increasing the government's cash contributions to dependents of service men was passed by the senate today and sent to the house.

Approved without debate, the measure would increase from \$62 to \$68 the total monthly allowance for a wife and one child and would boost the allowance for additional children from \$10 to \$11 a month.

In addition, it would provide that the government pay all of the first month's dependency allowance, although after that time a service man would contribute \$22 and the government \$28 toward the basic amount of \$50 allowed for a wife without a child.

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Cincinnati 7 17 1, Philadelphia 5 10 0, Vandermeer and Mueller, Johnson, Dietz (4), Mathewson (7), Fuchs (9), and Livingston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Boston 2 7 1, St. Louis 5 12 0, Dobson, Lucier (7), Woods (8) and Conroy; Sundra and Hayes, Washington 2 7 2, Cleveland 5 9 0, Pyle, Haefner and Early; Reynolds and Rosar.

Not Such a Bad Job After All!



This business of being a working woman is right up Joan Moore's alley. She responded to a plea for volunteer help issued by the war price and rationing board and this 11-year-old seventh grader from Roosevelt school stamps envelopes by the hundreds. Joan is the youngest volunteer help in the state, we'll betcha. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Moore of 2045 LeRoy street. Of course, it's an old story with Joan. She helped out during Christmas, too.

Giraud Talks Martinique as Crowds Demand Alliance

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—Installation of a pro-allied administration in troubled Martinique was one of the prime subjects up for discussion today between Washington officials and Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, co-chairman of the French committee of national liberation. (Demonstrations at Fort-de-France, Martinique, in which crowds of 15,000 persons demanded a break with Vichy and an alliance with the United States, were reported in a dispatch from Port of Spain, Trinidad, today.)

Favor De Gaulle (The demonstrators, favoring the fighting French leader General Charles de Gaulle, were reported to have taken possession of the streets of Fort-de-France for two days. Gendarmerie sent to disperse them, the dispatch said, left the demonstrators unmolested as they shouted "vive De Gaulle" and sang the French anthem "Marseillaise.") Giraud, the tall, brisk soldier who escaped from a German prison camp to command French North Africa forces in the fight against the axis, is in Washington as the government's guest.

Elk Hotel to Be Renovated; New Management

Complete renovation of the Elk hotel at 1111 Main street, will take place around September 1, when a change will be made in the management, it was announced Thursday. The Elk hotel has been operated by a Portland concern headed by Dean Vincent. The lease expires September 1. Owners of the 100-room building are C. A. Dunn, T. B. Watters, Andrew Collier and M. S. West.

Last Straw-- 'Possum in Bed

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8 (AP)—The six dogs his wife kept in their home were plenty to contend with, Henrik Grinderslav declared in a divorce complaint, but when she brought four opossums home the place began to look like a zoo. Grinderslav, a merchant marine first mate, said his wife kept him awake nights prodding him with warnings not to roll over on his white pekinese bedmates.

Veronica Lake Has Baby Boy, Both Doing Well

HOLLYWOOD, July 8 (AP)—Screen Actress Veronica Lake gave birth today to a three-pound boy, two months prematurely. The child was placed in an incubator and her physician, Dr. Raymond D. McBurney, said both apparently were doing well. Miss Lake went to the hospital last Thursday after she tripped and fell on a motion picture set. Her husband, Maj. John Detlie, is in the army in Seattle.

Marvin Adkins Killed in Sinking Of Oklahoma

Marvin Birch Adkins, whose name appeared in Life magazine recently as a casualty from Klamath Falls, was killed December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor when the Oklahoma was sunk, according to information from Mrs. B. W. Zollman. Several other calls were received following a plea from The News and Herald for information.

A check into files of The News and Herald revealed that the casualty was officially reported Monday, May 4 of last year. Adkins had lived at 914 Lincoln with his parents for several months. He enlisted in the navy from San Diego, and his parents later moved to Medford and then to Portland. The elder Adkins was the operator of the meat market at Emil's food store on Oregon avenue.

Senate Abandons Subsidy Pay Fight; Accepts House Approved CCC Measure

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—In an administration victory, both houses of congress today abandoned efforts to outlaw subsidy payments for wartime good price rollbacks. They sent to the White House legislation continuing the commodity credit corporation for six months—without the subsidy ban that ran head-on into a presidential veto a week ago. Final action in both houses was by voice vote. Not a single "no" was heard as the house approved the bill. The senate earlier had bowed to veto threats and abandoned, 34 to 33, its prohibition against payment of food subsidies. With this action the path apparently was cleared for con-

Sicily, Sardinia Pounded Again by Winged Explosives

By RELMAN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 8 (AP)—The relentless allied air assault against Sicily and Sardinia went through its fifth consecutive day yesterday with heavy bombings of airfields and other military targets, it was announced officially today. Enemy fighter opposition was reported to have been on a "reduced scale," but nevertheless allied fighters shot down 10 axis planes for a loss of five of their own. Gerbini in eastern Sicily, scene of a titanic air battle between American Flying Fortresses and more than 100 enemy planes on Monday, was battered 19 more times yesterday by Fortresses, Mitchells and Marauders, and they did not encounter a single enemy aircraft.

Fighter Escort American Warhawk fighters escorting RAF Baltimore bombers in a raid on Borizzo in western Sicily gained six of the day's 10 victories. They hovered over Borizzo airfield for almost an hour. While all of western Sicily felt some of the weight of the bombardment—Warhawks even went down to strafe isolated military targets in the countryside—the great network of airfields in and around Gerbini was the main theatre of allied operations.

Night Assault Following the day raids, RAF Wellington bombers carried the assault into the night with attacks on Palermo and Sciacca. They dropped a great weight of bombs on the railway yards at Palermo and left large fires raging. Returning crews reported the weakness of ground fire over Palermo indicated that the defenders were being swamped by the unceasing storm of explosives and incendiaries.

Nineteen Raids Nineteen times within 24 hours formations of allied planes were in the sky over Gerbini. Bombs fell in layers. They tore up runways on all of Gerbini's 10 airbases, smashed revetments and ploughed dispersal areas with explosive and fragmentation bombs. The swarm of German and Italian defenders that rose to fight the Flying Fortresses three days ago was nowhere in sight, and except for some anti-aircraft fire yesterday's attackers worked unhindered.

Manpower Shortage Seen Big Problem In Shipbuilding TACOMA, July 8 (AP)—Shortage of manpower appears to be the Pacific coast shipbuilding industry's most serious bottleneck. Representative James A. O'Leary, (D) of New York, chairman of the congressional merchant marine subcommittee, said today in comment upon information gained by the committee up to this point in its investigation of shipbuilding on this coast.

O'Leary and other committee members passed through Tacoma today for a holiday at Paradise Inn, Rainier National park, at the conclusion of which they will return to the national capital.

House Ag Group Kills Lift of Corn Ceiling WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—The house agriculture committee by a 9 to 6 vote today killed a senate-approved measure lifting the corn ceiling price from \$1.07 to \$1.40 a bushel, Chicago basis. The committee, however, decided to meet again later today to discuss alternative legislation or other means of dealing with the emergency corn situation, without congress going so far as to set a price for a single commodity.

The senate bill was tabled after the house group heard testimony by Marvin Jones, the new war food administrator, in executive session. Rep. Hope (R-Kas.), ranking minority member, said "We do not want to go away without doing something to solve this (Continued on Page Two)

NEW LANDINGS MADE ON NEW GEORGIA ISLE

Nine Jap Warships Destroyed During Night Battle

By MURLIN SPENCER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, July 8 (AP)—United States jungle fighters battled today within six miles of the Japanese air base of Munda from two new landing points on New Georgia island, in the central Solomon area where the enemy's hold has been weakened by a crushing naval defeat. The new landings were disclosed today by Gen. Douglas

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP) The navy announced today that American submarines had sunk ten enemy non-combatant ships and damaged four others in the Pacific.

MacArthur in a communique which also contained the news that in the warship engagement during the darkness of July 5-6 above Munda in the Kula gulf at least nine and possibly 11 Japanese cruisers and destroyers were sunk against the loss of the Cruiser U. S. S. Helena.

Little Damage (A dispatch quoting sources at the South Pacific headquarters said that the American warship even sustained damage in the engagement and that most of the more than 800 reported aboard the Cruiser Helena were saved.)

The growing weight of the Pacific offensive began to tell against Japan at the other end of the 700-mile arc as well. General MacArthur announced that in the jungle fight on the approaches to the Japanese air base of Salamaua, New Guinea, Australian troops captured Observation Hill between Salamaua and Mubo after its Japanese defenders had been killed or demoralized by 106 tons of bombs dropped in less than 45 minutes by Boston attack planes, Mitchell and Liberator bombers.

Munda Periled The new landings which increased the peril to Munda were made Monday, today's communique (Continued on Page Two)

DIG UP DOLLARS FOR DOOLITTLE!

It will take \$1.00 in War Stamps from every man, woman and child in the country to build the

"SHANGRI-LA"

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